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Natural resources, recreation issues to be key discussion topics at Corps' March 6 open house at Dworshak Dam

Orofino, Idaho – Plan to attend a March 6 Open House if you're interested in natural resources and recreation issues at the visitor center from 2-8 p.m. on the north side of nearby Dworshak Dam and Reservoir, according to an Army Corps of Engineers official.

"We've set up this event to provide anyone with interest in Dworshak an opportunity to get updated on current operations, hear about progress on the Dworshak Master Plan and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, and allow us to hear any new concerns from the public," said Erik Petersen, natural resource manager for the north central Idaho location. "We also want to solicit public and stakeholder participation in ongoing working groups shaping plan recommendations, and inform the public of volunteer opportunities."

The Dworshak team adds that this open house will be an opportunity to get the public involved, understand better about the opportunities for and constraints on facilities and recreation, and to invite the public to offer their ideas about possible solutions. Corps members may discuss trail use by groups interested in off-highway vehicles; water access for anglers, swimmers and boaters; day-use facilities for visitors; and land management issues including stewardship, mitigation, timber and wildlife.

"We hope to keep building relationships and opportunities leading to mutual understanding of natural and recreation resource related issues on Dworshak," said Petersen. "Public participation is essential in improving the stewardship of Dworshak's public resources."

For questions about the Dworshak natural resources open house, call Park Ranger Heather Burke, at (208) 476-1279.

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